

No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	64.50	49.80	47.46
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	124.70	7.00	5.55
10.	Karnataka	78.17	84.12	100.319
11.	Kerala	49.29	49.35	59.975
12.	Madhya Pradesh	195.67	35.93	152.203
13.	Maharashtra	48.845	27.783	123.43
14.	Manipur	13.50	19.64	13.28
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	Nil
16.	Mizoram	13.48	8.45	12.30
17.	Nagaland	15.29	9.00	9.70
18.	Orissa	34.22	68.73	94.74
19.	Punjab	14.03	8.65	11.57
20.	Rajasthan	82.34	89.52	66.54
21.	Sikkim	12.51	11.00	12.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	61.284	74.63	61.18
23.	Tripura	29.81	Nil	19.97
24.	Uttar Pradesh	112.11	89.57	117.81
25.	West Bengal	69.69	72.96	55.20
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	20.56	Nil	22.00
27.	Chandigarh	12.00	Nil	28.00
Total		1212.533	934.883	1298.00

National Forestry Action Programme

† 2825. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a National Forestry Action Programme for expansion of forests;

(b) if so, the detailed outline of the programme;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(c) the total amount estimated to be spent for implementation of the programme; and

(d) by when this programme is decided to be undertaken in this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have formulated National Forestry Action Programme-India, a perspective plan for sustainable development for forests in the country for the next 20 years and to bring 33% of the total geographical area of the country under forest/tree cover as stipulated in the National Forest Policy, 1988. It envisages rehabilitation of 31 million ha. of degraded forests and extension of forest/tree cover on 29 million ha. of non-forest lands at an annual rate of afforestation/regeneration of 3 million ha. It is estimated that an amount of Rs. 1339027.8 million would be required over a period of next twenty year to implement the National Forestry Action Programme. Implementation of the Programme has started from the current financial year within the available budgetary support.

Ban on Plastic Bags in Residential Societies

2826. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environment is a common concern and people's participation and awareness is spreading fast;

(b) whether Government are considering to impose a complete ban on plastic bags in all residential societies and the success of the campaign has resulted in an upsurge in the demand of jute bags in the capital;

(c) whether several States like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab and Goa have sought blue print of the formula to reinvigorate the similar campaign; and

(d) if so, what are Government's plans to make the campaign of banning plastic bags throughout the country a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests have been organising the National Environment Awareness Campaign since 1986 for creating environmental awareness at all